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SUBJECT:AGRICULTURAL TRADE PROBLEM -- TARIFF QUOTA ON LIVE
CATTLE

REF: OTTAWA 0573

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE
CUSTOMS SERVICE FOR EMBASSY USE IN RESPONDING TO GOC CON-
CERNS REPORTED REFTEL.

2. U.S. TARIFF-RATE QUOTAS HAVE BEEN UNIFORMLY ADMINI-
STERED FOR SOMETIME. THE LOWER RATE OF DUTY IS APPLICABLE
UNTIL IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE QUOTA IS CLOSE TO BEING
FILLED. AT THAT TIME, ESTIMATED DUTIES AT THE OVERQUOTA
RATE ARE ADMINISTRATIVELY REQUIRED. OVERPAYMENTS ARE RE-
FUNDED AT THE TIME OF LIQUIDATION OF THE ENTRY, AFTER IT IS
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DETERMINED WHEN THE QUOTA WAS FILLED.

3. IN THE OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 1975 QUARTER, THE
120,000 HEAD QUOTA WAS EXCEEDED. UNFORTUNATELY THE DETER-
MINATION WAS NOT MADE PRIOR TO THE QUOTA BEING FILLED.
THEREFORE, SUPPLEMENTAL DUTIES HAD TO BE REQUESTED AT
THE TIME OF LIQUIDATION OF THE ENTRIES AND THIS MAY HAVE

BEEN AROUND MARCH OR APRIL 1976.

4. DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1976 ONLY 59,115 HEAD WERE ACTUALLY ENTERED.

5. IT IS TRUE THAT AS OF THE OPENING OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, ESTIMATED DUTIES AT THE OVER-QUOTA RATE WERE REQUIRED WITH THE QUOTA BEING APPROXIMATELY 90 PERCENT FILLED THROUGH DECEMBER 17. UNDER U.S. CUSTOMS PROCEDURES IMPORTERS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF TAKING DELIVERY OF THEIR MERCHANDISE UPON APPLICATION AND APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY. HOWEVER, MERCHANDISE SUBJECT TO A TARIFF-RATE QUOTA DOES NOT GET ITS QUOTA STATUS UNTIL AN ENTRY FOR CONSUMPTION IS DUTY PAID; WHICH MAY TAKE PLACE 10 DAYS AFTER DELIVERY IS TAKEN. THEREFORE, THE 90 PERCENT CUTOFF POINT FOR LOWER DUTIES WAS NOT UNREALISTIC.

6. THE DUTY ASSESSMENT DIVISION OF THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CATTLE QUOTAS AND MANY OTHERS. REPORTS COVERING IMPORTS ARE RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM CUSTOMS PORTS. (CENSUS STATISTICS ARE NOT USED). MONTHLY STATUS REPORTS COVERING ALL THE QUOTAS ARE ISSUED IN THE FORM OF A MONTHLY PRESS RELEASE. IN ADDITION, INTERESTED PARTIES MAY CALL THE QUOTA SECTION, 202-566-8592, FOR THE STATUS OF ANY QUOTA. DEPENDING ON THE CLOSENESS TO BEING FILLED, THE STATUS MAY BE AVAILABLE ON A WEEKLY OR DAILY BASIS.

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